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No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 26, 1883.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. will conduct our Business at this port and all Communications should be addressed to them.
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. will also act as Agents at this port for our line of Steamers.
GEO. B. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. G. A. GROSSMANN in our Firm ceased on the 31st August, 1883.
GROSSMANN & Co.
Hongkong, September 1, 1883.

NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself at this Port and in Fuzhou under the Style of J. C. ELLES & Co. Mr. FRANCIS CASS is authorized to Sign the Firm.
JAMES C. ELLES.
Amoy, 1st May, 1883.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
(Five Million Sterling).
UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.
THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, September 1, 1883.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

A Good BOOKKEEPER, who has a few spare hours in the early morning, would be glad to take Charge of a Set of Accounts. Terms very moderate.
Address: "M. M. R."
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Intimations.

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The Passengers of the Steamers will be accelerated, and they will not call at MALTA or GIBRALTAR.
E. L. WOODIN, Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, September 6, 1883.

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COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1882.
SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a List of their Contributions of Premium for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the PROPORTION OF PROFIT for that year to be Paid as BONUS to CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not sent in before the 30th November next, will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.
By Order of the Board,
JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.
Hongkong, September 1, 1883.

THE VICTORIA ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £50,000 DOLLARS.
IN 1,000 SHARES OF 50 DOLLARS EACH.
Payments—25 per Share upon Allotment or within ten days thereafter; Balance of 25 per Share on or before the 25th FEBRUARY, 1884.
Directors:
(To be named by Shareholders as soon as the Shares are taken up.)
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Solicitors:
Messrs. SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON.
ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS:
THIS Company is formed for the MANUFACTURE of Ice in the Colony of Hongkong on the Binary Absorption System patented by the International Ice and Refrigerating Machine Company of New York.
This Patent System has been introduced into Japan and Shanghai with most satisfactory results. The consensus of opinion from various parts of the world unhesitatingly pronounces it the most perfect and economical method of manufacturing Ice ever invented.
According to arrangements it is anticipated that the business of the Company will be in complete working order by next March, 1884.
An arrangement has been made with the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION that they shall hold the amount paid on the shares when allotted until the Board of Directors of the Company is appointed, the amount will then be placed to the credit of the Company.
Copies of the Prospectus, Articles of Association and forms of Application for Shares may be obtained by intending Subscribers from this date till the 30th September 1883, from the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION or the Secretary pro tem of the Company, Mr. J. M. GUEDES, 39, Wellington Street, who has been authorized to act till a Board of Directors for the Company is appointed by the Shareholders.
J. M. GUEDES, Secretary.
Hongkong, September 15, 1883.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
ON and after the 1st OCTOBER, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 14 CENTS per pound.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, September 16, 1883.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE THIRD CALL of £10 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this Corporation, will fall due on the 30th SEPTEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong. RESERVE SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-named places.
PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the 1st Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank. HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.
The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/7 1/2, or \$54.70 per Share.
Interest of the Rate of 7% per Annum will be charged on Calls unpaid on the 30th SEPTEMBER.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 12, 1883.

THE SERIOUS DISTURBANCE AT CANTON.

THE Whole of the Copies of the *Overland China Mail*, containing the Accounts which appeared in the *China Mail* of the Act of the Chinese mob at Canton, having been sold out, these Accounts have been Reprinted in PAMPHLET FORM, and may now be obtained at the *China Mail* Office, Price, 30 Cents.
The PAMPHLET includes the Letters that have appeared in the *China Mail* on the subject of the disturbance, the Editorial Comments, and the Extracts from the Native Papers.

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September 14, 1883.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 16, 1883.

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GEO. B. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

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Hongkong, September 24, 1883.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, September 24, 1883.

FOR SHANGHAI.

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Hongkong, September 24, 1883.

FOR NEW YORK.

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THE CHINA REVIEW.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY.
FIFTH YEAR.

THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese literature, has been continued, and has now reached its Tenth Volume. The Review discusses those topics which are of importance to the minds of students of the "Far East," and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting Notes and original papers on the Arts, Sciences, Zoology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc., etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new departure has been taken, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive Notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of literature on China, etc., and to give criticisms embodying the latest and most recent works on subjects of interest. Publishers are requested to forward works to "Editor, China Review, care of China Mail Office."

The Notes and Queries are still continued and form an important means of obtaining from and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points. The Correspondents' column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are numbered by the members of the various Committees, the Imperial Customs and Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is as usually cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Drs. Chalmers, Elliot, Broderick, Hirth, and the Rev. Professors Logan, Maclellan, Watt, Watson, Smith, Pauling, Maclellan, Grant, Jamieson, Faber, Kopsch, Parker, Playfair, Gillis, and Pison, all well-known names, indicative of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

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OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

"All our school and college students should read this scholarly and interesting Review."—*Northern Christian Advocate* (U.S.).

"The China Review *** has an excellent table of contents."—*Edinburgh Empire*.

"The publication always contains subjects of interest to students in the Far East, and the present issue will hold forth on not a few matters of great importance."—*North-China Herald*.

"This number contains several articles of interest and value."—*North-China Herald*.

"The present number of this periodical, *** opens with a review of the Foreign Trade of China during 1892. This is a new departure for a publication which professes to be purely literary; but considering the comparatively small circulation it enjoys at present among the commercial communities of China, we had the impression as likely to recommend the Review to the notice of those who take an interest in few matters beyond their mercantile pursuits."—*North-China Herald*.

"The China Review for September-October fully maintains the high standard of excellence which characterizes that publication, and altogether forms a very interesting and valuable number. Meteorological notes, and other interesting and valuable contributions by Dr. Fritzsche, on 'The Amount of Precipitation (Rain and Snow) of Peking,' showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1811 to 1890, 'Notes on the Dutch Occupation of Formosa,' by Mr. J. van der Pijl, and other interesting information, although much of it is second-hand. The Notices of New Books include a most generous and appreciative review of 'The Divine Classic of Nan-Hua,' and the Notes and Queries are as usual very interesting."—*North-China Herald*.

"A substantial and reliable Review which all students of China and the Chinese would do well to patronize."—*Chrysanthemum*.

"The November-December number of the China Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Fritzsche, A. Glue on 'The New Testament in Chinese,' treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries."—*Mr. E. H. Parker's* "Short Journey in Szechuen" are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Taylor, an English explorer of some high repute, writes 'The Emperor Chang, founder of the Chinese Empire,' which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which 'On Chinese Oath-taking,' is particularly interesting, as it relates to the custom of oaths taken by Chinese, and is a paper well placed under a separate heading, complete the number."—*Edinburgh Empire*.

Trübner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review:—

"The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social customs, has led to a recognition of the importance of such information, rendering some such channel of publication as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the numerous bodies among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severely represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors."

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are mentioned by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese post-steamship of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowrs, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Besides notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that 'Notes' and 'Queries' are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised January 1st, 1892.)

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The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritania, N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Nicaragua, Labuan, Hawaii, all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route.—
Letters, 10 cents per 1/2 oz.
Post Cards, 3 cents each.
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Newspapers, 2 cents each.
Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

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Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via India, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

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The following cannot be transmitted:

Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as landboxes, &c.) Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Iodine, Mercury, Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or other articles dangerous to the Mail, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Integrity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsums, bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Chair, Jinricksha, and Boat Hire.

LEGISLATED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chair and Ordinary Pullaway Boats.

Half hour, 10 cts. Hour, 20 cts. Three hours, 50 cts. Six hours, 70 cts. Day (from 8 to 6), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA TRAIL.

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, 1.00. Three Coolies, 0.75. Two Coolies, 0.50.

Return (direct or by Pok-fo Lam).

Four Coolies, 1.50. Three Coolies, 1.20. Two Coolies, 1.00.

TO VICTORIA GAP (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA SEAT).

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, 0.60. Three Coolies, 0.45. Two Coolies, 0.30.

Return (direct or by Pok-fo Lam).

Four Coolies, 0.80. Three Coolies, 0.60. Two Coolies, 0.40.

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than four hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip 1 Peak, 0.75 each Coolie. (12 hours) 1 Gap, 0.50 each Coolie.

Jinricksha.

Quarter of an hour or less, 5 cts. Half an hour, 10 cts. One hour, 15 cts. Two hours, 25 cts. Three hours, 35 cts. Six hours, 50 cts. One day (12 hours), 60 cts. Per trip to Shekwan or Pokfulam, from the centre of the Town, 20 cts. Return, 35 cts. Per trip to Aberdeen, from the centre of the Town, 25 cts. Return, 40 cts. If an Extra Coolie is employed, there will be an addition of half the above scale to pay. Nothing in this scale prevents private agreements.

Licensed Barbers (each).

Hour, 10 cts. Half day, 5 cts. Day, 50 cts.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, 3.00.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Load, 2.00.

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Day, 2.50.

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Load, 1.75.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of 400 or 500 piculs, per Day, 1.50.

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3rd Class Cargo Boat of 400 or 500 piculs, Half Day, 50 cts.

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